### Palmetto Baptist Church – December 10, 2017 Anticipating the Great Harvest – Revelation 14:14-20

# **Inside the Text:**

## I. The Return of Christ is undeniable. (14-15)

- A. His return will be epic. (Daniel 7:13-14)
  - The return of Christ will be sudden (Matt. 24:42; 2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 22:20), personal (Jn. 14:3; I Thess. 4:16), visible (Heb. 9:28; I Jn. 3:2; Rev. 1:7), bodily (Acts 1:11), and progressive (I Thess. 4:15-18; John 14:1-3; I Cor. 15:51-52).
- B. His return will be majestic. (Rev. 14:14)
- C. His return will be climactic. (Rev. 14:15)

### II. The Great Harvest of souls is inevitable. (16-20)

- A. The harvest will be effective. (16)
- B. The harvest will be selective. (Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43)
- C. The harvest will be connected. (17-18)
- D. The harvest will be destructive. (19-20; Isaiah 63:1-3; Zechariah 14:1-5)

# **Apply the Text:**

- Be prepared.
  - $\circ~$  Both harvest accounts are focused on "ripe" wheat or grapes.
  - Repent and believe the Gospel.
- Be encouraged.
  - $\circ$   $\;$  God hears your prayers and delights in your obedience.
- Remain faithful.
  - Joyfully participate in God's plan to receive glory (regardless of how hopeless and insignificant it may seem). [Reflect on the motivation behind Zechariah 14:1-5]